container. However, the preference is given to the aluminium containers with wooden boxes for safe handling of sample in transportation and proper sealing.

(b) The details of locations where octane test is being conducted by Public Sector Oil Companies are as follows :—

Bhopal, New Delhi, Chennai, Vadodara, Begusarai, Noonmati, Digboi, Mathura, Panipat, Midnapur, Faridabad, Bongaigaon, Sewree, Panewadi, Kandla, Mughalsarai, Tondiarpet, Trimpanam, Vizag, Budge Budge, Loni, Sanatnagar, Devangonthi, Managlore and Lucknow.

(d) Octane test is done only for petrol samples before release of products at the refineries. The samples of the same from the terminals/ depots are also monitored for octane testing. Since deterioration in quality of petrol with respect to octane is matter of concern, for market decipline it is justified to take the sample at petrol pumps for octane testing.

Transfer policy of Petroleum Companies

†2187. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the employees/officers in various Petroleum Companies in Delhi who are continuously working at the same place in same office and department for the last 10—15 years;

(b) the policy relating to the transfer of employees/officers working in various companies;

(c) the steps being taken by Government for implementing the transfer policy; and

(d) by when the said transfer policy would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Details are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The postings and transfers of Officers and staff in the oil PSUs are governed by the rules of the respective companies and Government do not have any role in the matter. The major ingredients of the transfer

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

policy being implemented by the oil PSUs are given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) The respective transfer policies in vogue in the oil PSUs are being implemented.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Statement-I

Details of Employees/Officers in Oil PSUs Working in Delhi for the last 10—15 years

Sl. No.	Name of PSU	No. of persons working in Delhi for the last 10—15 years	
		Officer	Non-Officers
1.	IOC	24	339
2.	ONGC	51	42
3.	OIL	5	53
4.	BPCL	2	118
5.	HPCL	5	306
6.	GAIL	53	47
7.	KRL	-	1
8.	CPCL (liaison office)	1	4
9.	NRL (liaison office)	-	-
10.	IBP	3	43
11.	EIL	784	314
12.	BRPL	12	12
13.	Biecco Lawrie	2	-
14.	Balmer Lawrie	49	23
	TOTAL :	991	1302

Statement-II

Details of Transfer Policy of Oil PSUs

1. The postings/transfers in the oil PSUs are based on specific organizational needs and individuals requirements and also as per the terms and conditions of service in the company.
2. Non-officer category of employees are not generally transferred.
3. As far as possible transfers are carried out during January-March every year. Normally no mid term transfers are made except in the case of exceptional organizational requirements.
4. Normal tenure at a location is 3 to 5 years and the officers are not usually transferred in a period of less than two years.
5. Rotational transfers of employees working in sensitive and direct public dealing positions for more than 3 years.
6. The main objectives of transfers are exigencies of work, manning of hard locations, career developoment and requirement of specialised knowledge.
7. Choice/preferabel postings on transfer from the hardship locations such as North Eastern Region/J and K.
8. Where officers' spouse is also employee in the same PSU, both are posted at the same location, as far as possible.
9. Special consideration is given to the physically handicapped officers.
10. On promotion of non-executives to executive cadre employees are transferred from one work centre to another to enhance their experience/job profile.
11. Except for administrative requirements, Officers retiring in the next three years or less are not transferred from their existing locations.

Differential price on import of crude oil from middle East

2188. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article by